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**Country/ entity** Colombia

**Region** Americas

**Agreement name** Acuerdo General entre el Gobierno Nacional y el Partido Revolucionario de los Trabajadores, Don Gabriel, Ovejas, Sucre

**Date** 28 Dec 1990

**Agreement status** Multiparty signed/agreed

**Interim arrangement** Yes

**Agreement/ conflict level** Intrastate/intrastate conflict ( Colombian Conflict (1964 - ) )

**Stage** Framework/substantive - partial

**Conflict nature** Government

**Peace process** Colombia I - Gaviria


**Parties** Por el Gobierno Nacional,  
HUMBERTO DE LA CALLE LOMBANA  
Ministro de Gobierno  
JESÚS ANTONIO BEJARANO  
Consejero Presidencial  
CARLOS EDUARDO JARA MILLO  
Asesor Consejería  
GONZALO DE FRANCISCO  
Asesor Consejería  
ALVARO HERNANDEZ  
Asesor Consejería  
GABRIEL RESTREPO  
Asesor Consejería

Por el PRT,  
VALENTIN GONZALEZ  
SERGIO SIERRA  
PABLO RONCALLO  
RAFAEL GONZALEZ  
ERNESTO FALLA  
IVAN SUAREZ

**Third parties** Witness: Orlando Fals Borda, delegado a la ANC por la lista de la AD M-19

**Description** This agreement includes concrete steps of ceasefire including date (Jan 26, 1991) in exchange for a representative in the National Assembly who will seek full membership. The government declares to establish a presidential delegation office on the Atlantic coast for the defense and promotion of human rights in addition to a commission for human rights on the Atlantic Coast (specifies who will be represented within) which will implement mechanisms for social organisation and the community to learn about the human rights situation of the region. In exchange of the ceasefire, the government makes political, legal and economic guarantees for the legalisation and reinsertion of the PRT. Bilateral commissions will be established for this purpose. The PRT calls on other armed groups to follow their example and affirms its contribution to the peace process.

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## Groups

Children/  
youth No specific mention.

Disabled  
persons No specific mention.

Elderly/age No specific mention.

Migrant  
workers No specific mention.

Racial/  
ethnic/  
national  
group No specific mention.

Religious  
groups No specific mention.

Indigenous people No specific mention.

Other groups No specific mention.

Refugees/  
displaced  
persons No specific mention.

Social class No specific mention.

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## **Gender**

Women,  
girls and  
gender No specific mention.

Men and  
boys No specific mention.

LGBTI No specific mention.

Family No specific mention.

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## **State definition**

Nature of  
state  
(general) No specific mention.

State  
configuration No specific mention.

Self  
determination No specific mention.

Referendum No specific mention.

State symbols No specific mention.

Independence/  
secession No specific mention.

Accession/  
unification No specific mention.

Border  
delimitation No specific mention.

Cross-  
border  
provision No specific mention.

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## **Governance**

Political  
institutions  
(new or  
reformed) No specific mention.

Elections No specific mention.

Electoral  
commission No specific mention.

Political  
parties  
reform No specific mention.

Civil society Page 2, Article 4,

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Traditional/  
religious  
leaders Page 2, Article 4,

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Public administration No specific mention.

Constitution No specific mention.

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## Power sharing

Political power sharing No specific mention.

Territorial power sharing No specific mention.

Economic power sharing No specific mention.

Military power sharing No specific mention.

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## Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general Page 1, Untitled Preamble,  
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Bill of rights/similar No specific mention.

Treaty incorporation No specific mention.

Civil and political rights No specific mention.

Socio-economic rights      No specific mention.

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## **Rights related issues**

Citizenship      No specific mention.

Democracy      No specific mention.

Detention procedures      No specific mention.

Media and communication      No specific mention.

Mobility/access      Page 2, Article 4,

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Protection measures      No specific mention.

Other      No specific mention.

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## Rights institutions

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Regional or international human rights institutions	No specific mention.

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## Justice sector reform

Criminal justice and emergency law	No specific mention.
State of emergency provisions	No specific mention.
Judiciary and courts	No specific mention.
Prisons and detention	No specific mention.
Traditional Laws	No specific mention.

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## **Socio-economic reconstruction**

Development or socio-economic reconstruction No specific mention.

National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds No specific mention.

Business No specific mention.

Taxation No specific mention.

Banks No specific mention.

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## **Land, property and environment**

Land reform/ rights No specific mention.

Pastoralist/ nomadism rights No specific mention.

Cultural heritage No specific mention.

Environment No specific mention.

Water or riparian rights or access

No specific mention.

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## Security sector

Security Guarantees

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Ceasefire

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Police

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Armed  
forces

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DDR

Security sector→DDR→DDR programmes

Page 1, Article 2,

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Page 1-2, Article 3,

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Intelligence  
services

No specific mention.

Parastatal/  
rebel and  
opposition  
group  
forces

Page 1, Article 1,  
The PRT will have a permanent seat on the National Constitutional Assembly. The form of this participation will be defined before the proceedings for the surrender of arms. In light of the government's offer of a permanent spokesperson, PRT ratifies its aspiration for its representative to have full rights.

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Page 2, Article 7,  
PRT expresses its aspiration for this agreement to contribute to progress in the negotiation processes with EPL and the Quintin Lame Armed Movement (Movimiento Armado Quintín Lame, MAQL) and issues a call to the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia, FARC) and the National Liberation Army (Ejército de Liberación Nacional, ELN) to reach a truce in military operations and show signs of real willingness to achieve peace.

Withdrawal  
of foreign  
forces

No specific mention.

Corruption

No specific mention.

Crime/  
organised  
crime

No specific mention.

Drugs

No specific mention.

Terrorism No specific mention.

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## **Transitional justice**

Transitional justice general No specific mention.

Amnesty/pardon Transitional justice→Amnesty/pardon→Amnesty/pardon proper  
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Courts No specific mention.

Mechanism No specific mention.

Prisoner release No specific mention.

Vetting No specific mention.

Victims No specific mention.

Missing persons No specific mention.

Reparations No specific mention.

Reconciliation Page 1, Untitled Preamble,  
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## Implementation

UN signatory	No specific mention.
Other international signatory	ORLANDO FALS BORDA Testigo, delegado a la ANC por la lista de la AD M-19.
Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.
International mission/force/similar	No specific mention.
Enforcement mechanism	Page 2, Article 6, The national government and PRT will sign, as a constituent part of this agreement, a memorandum of commitment detailing the commitments and mechanisms to guarantee development of and compliance with the agreed issues.
Related cases	No specific mention.
Source	Acuerdos con el EPL, MAQL y CRS, Diálogos con la CGSB, Biblioteca de la Paz – 1990-1994, Fundación Cultura Democrática, Ed. Álvaro Villarraga Sarmiento, Bogotá D.C., 2009 (book III) p. 182

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